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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 7

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This is applicants' response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2002 in which all of claims 1-9 filed in the case were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims now in the case in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of thermally spray coating a cylinder wall of a [light] metal engine block, said method comprising:

providing a high velocity oxygen fuel (HVOF) device;

advancing a feed wire of ferrous-based material into the HVOF device to locate a

tip end of the wire in a high temperature zone of the HVOF device;

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